

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF: So OHTA, et al.

GAU: Unassigned

SERIAL NO: New Application

EXAMINER: Unassigned

FILED: Herewith

FOR: IMAGE FORMING APPARATUS CAPABLE OF DETERMINING TYPE OF RECORDING SHEET TO PREVENT SHEET JAM

REQUEST FOR PRIORITY

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SIR:

☒ Full benefit of the filing date of U.S. Application Serial Number 10/139,508, filed May 7, 2002, is claimed pursuant to the provisions of 35 U.S.C. §120.

☐ Full benefit of the filing date(s) of U.S. Provisional Application(s) is claimed pursuant to the provisions of 35 U.S.C. §119(e):
Application No. Date Filed

☒ Applicants claim any right to priority from any earlier filed applications to which they may be entitled pursuant to the provisions of 35 U.S.C. §119, as noted below.

In the matter of the above-identified application for patent, notice is hereby given that the applicants claim as priority:

<u>COUNTRY</u>	<u>APPLICATION NUMBER</u>	<u>MONTH/DAY/YEAR</u>
Japan	2001-136368	May 7, 2001
Japan	2002-113429	April 16, 2002

Certified copies of the corresponding Convention Application(s)

☐ are submitted herewith

☐ will be submitted prior to payment of the Final Fee

☒ were filed in prior application Serial No. 10/139,508 filed May 7, 2002

☐ were submitted to the International Bureau in PCT Application Number
Receipt of the certified copies by the International Bureau in a timely manner under PCT Rule 17.1(a) has been acknowledged as evidenced by the attached PCT/IB/304.

☐ (A) Application Serial No.(s) were filed in prior application Serial No. filed ; and

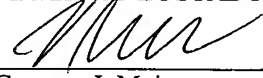
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